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JOURNEY INTO THE STONE AGE

Australian missionary meets the Movoi people and their pigs

An intrepid missionary, the Rev. Norman Cocks of Sydney, has just returned from an adventure in the deep mountain ranges of New Guinea. He now reports on his visit to the Movoi people of south-east New Guinea who, save for occasional contacts with a few white men, still live in the Stone Age.

AT Tapini, just 200 miles west of Port Moresby, Mr. Cocks watched the pilot of his aircraft make a skilful landing on a great ledge of rock 3500 feet above sea level. Behind the narrow, sloping air-strip towered the gigantic ranges leading up to the 10,000-foot peak of Mount Yule.

The tramp inland took two and a half days, up the zigzagging track the government has carved out of the hills to keep contact with the Movoi people. At 8000 feet the party were confronted with a huge gap in the hills which led them across a ravine clothed in vast forests which had only recently been penetrated by the white man. Some difficulty in breathing was noticed up here and the path now led right into the dank air and half-green light of the jungle.

WORLD OF SILENCE

Cold, wet clouds and mists swirled round the missionary party, which was led by the Rev. H. A. Brown of Chingford; he is trusted by the Movoi people and moves about among them freely.

It was a completely silent world except for the dropping and rushing of water. Thick moss lay underfoot and hung in great festoons from the trees. There was neither song of birds nor chirp of insects.

The party's first glimpse of the Movoi people was of a woman carrying a huge string bag slung from her head. Inside the bag was

a litter of little pigs and on top of them all a baby who seemed to be thoroughly enjoying the ride and the company of his fellow passengers.

The wealth of the Movoi people consists of pigs, and so precious are they that it is considered the chief job of women, girls and small boys to fatten them, and prepare them for the feasts. In fact they are expected to live with the animals while the grown-up men and the older boys live in thatched huts by themselves. So precious are these animals, indeed, that it has been so far impossible to start even a simple school for the girls. They are not allowed to leave their pigs.

SIGNS OF MOURNING

When he first penetrated into the jungle fastnesses of the Movoi Mr. Brown saw women with dried human bones hung round their necks. He discovered that these were worn for a period of four years as a sign of mourning. Mr. Cocks noticed that on shaking hands with some of the women some of their finger joints were missing. This, too, is another ancient custom to mark bereavement among the Movoi.

Small and stocky, these people move about silently on their jungle tracks. Hidden for centuries by the deep forests and the impassable ravines, the Movoi are naturally suspicious of the strangers penetrating their strongholds. From rocky ledges they keep a watch over the few tracks which can be seen among the dense mass of the forest.

LITTLE THATCHED HOME

On one of those rocky ledges a Samoan pastor and his wife have built themselves a little thatched home in an attempt to make friends with the Movoi and give them links with civilisation. They are among the latest group of New Guinea people to come in contact with the white man.

The return journey was down through the grim Ikaifu Valley for two days through mud and stones, tripping on tree roots, entangled in hanging branches of the trees, and trudging in the half-light of the jungle until the party reached a point where a canoe could be launched. By the time they reached Moru, on the coast, they were quite worn out.

Such a Great Dane

Conscious of his nobility, Harvey of Ridgedane poses with his mistress, 19-year-old Julie Prentis of High Beech in Essex, who is the youngest member of the Great Dane Breeders' Association.



TWO WRIGHTS MAKE A COINCIDENCE

People named Cyril seemed destined to meet their namesakes. Prompted by our paragraph about the collision of two motorists named Cyril White, a Surrey reader tells us that his uncle, Mr. Cyril Wright, moved into a new house some time ago and found that his next-door neighbour was —Mr. Cyril Wright!

Perhaps other readers know of similar instances of the long arm of coincidence.

EXIT THE STARLINGS

Huge numbers of starlings in Norfolk have suddenly decided to find a new home, and no one knows the reason why.

For many years, a huge flock, estimated to number five million, used a wood near Walsingham to roost. They came from miles around each evening, and as many as 900 have been counted on a single tree.

Now they have gone and the trees in the wood are left stark and lifeless, their roots gradually poisoned by the birds.

SNAKES AND LADDERS IN KENYA

Snakes and ladders is a popular game among Africans in Kenya. But it is different from the usual form of the game for by it Africans are learning many practical things about health and hygiene. If, for instance, there are flies on food at the top of the ladder then that sends the player back to the dispensary.

Another move-up-a-square game which is popular is played on a board showing a picture of the African countryside. The player has to travel from his home to the Village of Good Health. On the road there are many obstacles to Good Health that hinder his journey.

IRONPECKER

A woodpecker flew into the chimney of the Methodist Church in Rocklyn, Washington, and fell into an empty stove. When church elders discovered it and released the bird, they found that it had pecked a hole in the solid metal large enough for its head.

TRANSPARENT SUITS FOR AIRMEN

An R A F Canberra squadron in Germany is testing new "cool" flying suits made from transparent materials. These suits are made from nylon containing a network of fine tubes through which cooling air is pumped. Unless you look closely you might think that the aircrew had forgotten to put on their outer garments!

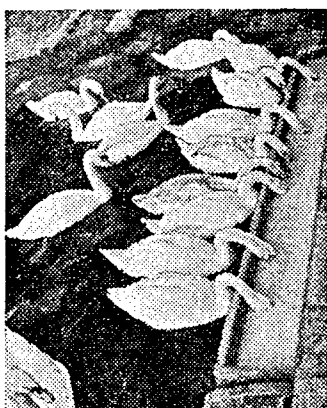
After a flight with a "cool" suit, airmen have to be "decooled" in a special chamber, otherwise there is a danger that they might catch cold.

FIRST FAMILY

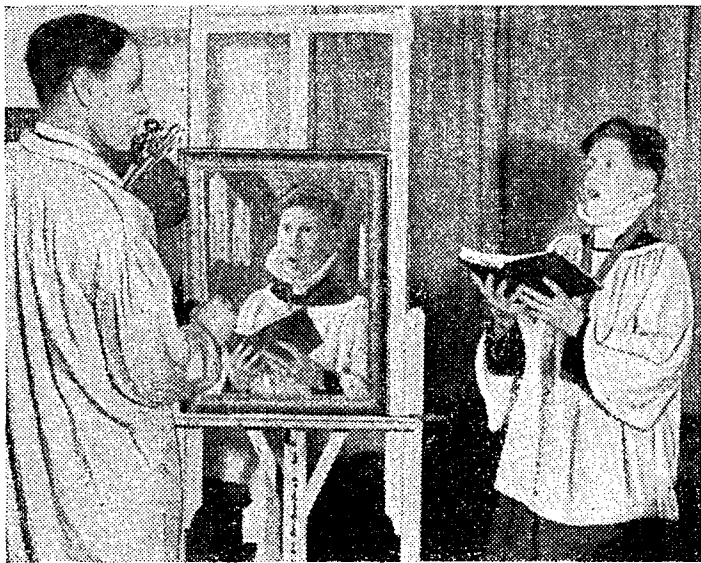
A Los Angeles man fell through the ceiling of his office while inspecting an attic he wanted to use as a storeroom. He was taken to hospital, but the authorities did not believe him when he said his name was Safety First.

Later on, however, when they checked his birth records they found that this really was his name and, moreover, that he had a sister named June First.

Dinner is served



Some of the 200 swans on the Alster lake at Hamburg appear to forget traditional elegance when dinner is served.



Portrait of a solo boy

Holding a difficult pose while father paints his portrait is 13-year-old Robin Fairhurst of Putney. Robin is soloist in Sandy McPherson's Sunday radio programme, The Chapel in the Valley. Father is an art master.

HIGHLAND FUND'S HELPING HAND

The helping hand is being extended by the Highland Fund to crofters and "small men" in lonely parts of Scotland.

The Fund purchased a croft in the Black Isle district for one applicant, and also gave him seeds, fertilisers, stock, and a small tractor. Although previously paralysed for more than three years by an accident, he has now brought 13 acres under the plough, and is prospering.

A small Highland printer was given a loan of £100 to purchase paper to accept a printing job from the Hydro-Electric Board, and also £1000 to cover the purchase of printing machinery and

equipment to meet a large increase in orders.

Another loan was given to a young man in "one of the fastest dying of the Western Isles," who had built a boat to recommence sea-fishing. It enabled him to purchase a diesel engine, a mast, and other equipment. The Highland Fund also gave a loan to a Harris tweed manufacturer, who employs 40 crofter-weavers, to buy yarn and accept export orders for Sweden, Holland, and Germany.

The council of the Fund believe that a sound beginning has been made in bringing aid to the Highlands and in studying the many problems which arise.

TEACHERS ALL AT SEA

At Whitby next month 40 teachers and youth club leaders from the North will begin a special nautical course.

The subjects taught will include sailing, seamanship, navigation, marine biology, and local geography and history. Eight inspectors of the Ministry of Education will be the lecturers. Whitby Yacht Club is loaning dinghies, and an experienced skipper will take students to sea for some lessons in navigation. There will be demonstrations of salmon and herring net making and construction of crab and lobster pots.

When the teachers and youth club leaders get back to their classes they will pass their knowledge on to the children.

EXCHANGING PLAYERS

The Scottish Community Drama Association has invited a Belgian group to perform a full-length play during the annual Scottish drama festival at Inverness from April 14 to 16.

In return, the Belgian organisation has invited a Scottish drama group to visit Belgium and perform in Ghent towards the end of April during the famous Battle of Flowers Festival. Besides this there is a proposal to ask a Scottish team to perform in Denmark in September.

OIL IN SICILY

Oil is now being produced in Sicily. The first wells were drilled at the end of last year and the first month's full production was nearly 500,000 gallons.

Two wells are working and three more are being completed. A refinery has been built at Augusta and will be connected to the oil-field by pipeline by the end of this year. At present all the crude oil is taken to the refinery by tank wagons.

Goodbye, bush baby



This affectionate bush baby was most reluctant to say goodbye when Miss Tessa Bird, a London Zoo secretary, made a farewell tour. Tessa is taking up a post as governess in Florence, Italy.



By the C N Press Gallery Correspondent

THE French have a saying to the effect that the more things change, the more they remain the same. Nevertheless, it is the thirst for change which inspires much political thought.

The Maltese and the Welsh have different ideas about change. With a new party in power after the elections, the Maltese want to become part of the United Kingdom.

In effect they would become a kind of county, with the Home Secretary as their administrative "father." They would send representatives to the Parliament at Westminster.

A WELSH PARLIAMENT

But the Welsh want almost the opposite. At least, some of them do. Although Wales is geographically part of the United Kingdom there is a move to set up a Welsh Parliament.

This would be called a Senedd (Senate) and would have 72 members. The 36 Welsh M.P.s would, however, continue to sit at Westminster.

Both these schemes are for the future. An interesting aspect of the paradox they create is that the Home Secretary, Major Gwilym Lloyd-George, is also the Minister for Welsh Affairs.

The Maltese would like him to be Minister for Maltese Affairs. The Welsh would prefer to have their own Prime Minister. One picturesque passage from a recent Commons debate on this unofficial Welsh plan might be quoted.

"We all shout for our gallant Rugby XV or Soccer XI," said a Welsh M.P., "but what is wrong with shouting for 72 M.P.s in Cardiff or Llandrindod Wells? Does our intelligence stop short at our hands and feet?"

PRODUCING MORE FOOD

In a Parliamentary written answer it was stated that the pattern of food production in this country has changed for the better after the jolt provided by the last war, when it became obvious that unless we grew more of our own food this country might well starve.

Only one farm product remains unaltered in volume since pre-war days: we still turn out 100 per cent of our milk supplies. Before the war Britain's hens provided 71 per cent of our wants. Now they give us 86 per cent.

Condensed milk (on the same basis of comparison) has gone up from 70 to 97 per cent, potatoes from 94 to 96 (though they rose as high as 100 per cent in 1945), and meat from 51 to 67 per cent.

Butter, after falling to 4 per cent in 1951, has now reached 10 per cent, compared with 9 per cent pre-war. Cheese manufacture has increased from 24 to 38 per cent.

News from Everywhere

ACROSS AMERICA IN FOUR HOURS

A U.S. Air Force Republic F84F Thunderstreak has flown across America from Los Angeles to New York (2445 miles) in 3 hours 46 minutes. This beat the old record by 20 minutes.

An eleven-year-old boy, Martino Tirimo, recently conducted a complete performance of La Traviata in the opera house at Nicosia, Cyprus.

The first production model of the turbo-prop airliner Bristol Britannia recently flew to Johannesburg from Bristol in less than 19 hours, nearly three hours faster than the scheduled time for any other airliner.

ATOMIC ELECTRICITY

American experts predict that the first atomic-produced electric power for commercial use in U.S. will become available later this year.

An anonymous gift of £440 will enable four Peebles-shire boys to attend the International Boy Scout Jamboree at Niagara next August. The boys, Ian McNaught and John Patterson of Innerleithen, and Robert Boyd and Elliot Jardine of Peebles, will fly from Prestwick to Toronto.

German workers at Cynheidre, Carmarthenshire, have discovered two seams of what are believed to be the finest anthracite ever seen in Britain.

MIGHTY MIDGET

A Japanese scientist has designed a nine-inch rocket which can travel twice as fast as sound and reach a height of eleven miles.

Uranium has been discovered in an old tin mine in the Malayan jungle.

The Oldham to Delph railway branch line opened in 1851 is to be closed. The two-coach train is affectionately known as the Delph Donkey.

BIRD-SONG STUDY

Among the study courses to be held this year at the Malham Tarn Field Centre in Yorkshire, will be one on bird song.

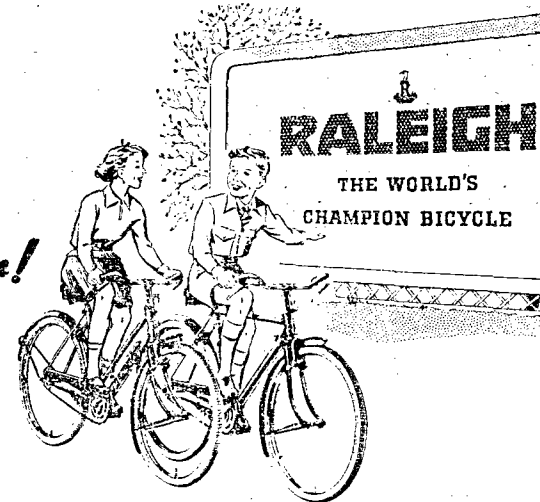
The first British Triumph sports car to be sold behind the Iron Curtain has been bought by Herr Otto Grotewohl, the East German Premier.

Mr. Philip Wills has been awarded the 1954 Lilienthal medal, the world's premier trophy for gliding. He is the first Englishman ever to win it.

Bullfinches in Kent and Sussex are eating so many fruit blossom buds that they have become a serious menace.

Mr. F. D. Lycett Green, a York man living in South Africa, has presented to York City Art Gallery a collection of 130 paintings dating from the 14th to the 18th centuries.

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HOVERING ON THE GROUND

Pupil helicopter pilots are now being taught how to master the difficult art of hovering with the aid of a new electro-mechanical simulator—the Dorand D.50.

Designed in France, the simulator comprises a cockpit representing that of an actual helicopter, mounted on a pedestal.

As the pilot moves the control column, the forces set an electro-mechanical system into motion which causes the simulator to pitch, roll, turn, or hover in the same manner as a real machine.

To pilots experienced in flying fixed-wing machines, many of the control column movements needed in a helicopter seem strange. In the simulator they can "unlearn" a number of habits before going aloft.

A film projects a concrete runway on a large screen in front of and below the pilot and also a horizon roughly on a level with the pilot's eyes, giving him the impression that he is hovering 25 feet above the runway.

Just like mother



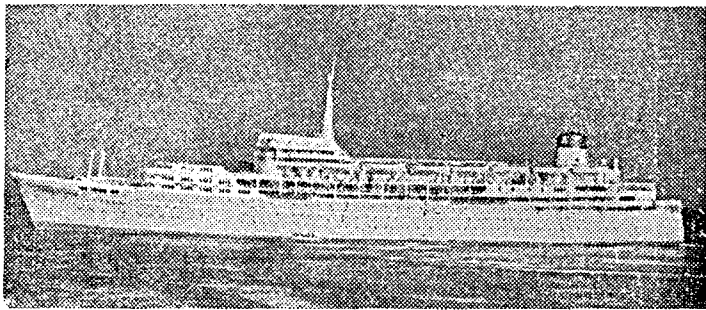
Someone has evidently told Mother Llama at the Vincennes Zoo in Paris that her few-week-old baby is just like her, and she is very gratified.

HORSESHOE FROM A GHOST TOWN

A relic of Rhodesia's stirring pioneer days has been mounted on oak and presented to the Queen Mother by the British South Africa Police. It is a rusty old horseshoe found in the deserted Fort Tuli, which was built in 1890 by the first pioneer force to reach Salisbury, and was the gateway to Mashonaland in the years that followed, when the Matabeles fought the British.

The importance of Fort Tuli declined after the railway had reached Bulawayo from the Cape in 1897, and Salisbury from Beira in 1899. It became a "ghost town," a place of crumbling ruins overgrown by the bush, the only attempt at preservation being a trench dug round the cemetery to save it from being trampled by elephants.

Here, last year, Colonel A. S. Hickman of the B.S.A. Police picked up this horseshoe which must have lain there for half a century or more.



Luxury liner's maiden voyage

Passengers have been given special consideration in the new Shaw Savill liner Southern Cross. The engines and funnel have been built aft to provide a maximum of deck space. The Southern Cross sails on her maiden voyage from Southampton on March 29 on a round-the-world trip.

ICELAND IN THE AIR

Iceland can now claim to be the world's most air-minded nation. During 1954 Iceland Airways carried 54,000 passengers, equivalent to a flight by one in every three of Iceland's population.

The island's farmers are thoroughly air-minded. Many of the farms are made inaccessible by mountain ranges, and planes are often called in to carry sheep and cattle to market, to shows, or to deliver them to buyers in another part of the island.

Fodder is often supplied by plane, and air transport plays an important part in Iceland's social life, providing a rapid and convenient means for the islanders from remote parts to visit towns, meet their friends and relatives, and go shopping.

Although Iceland's airline is busy, it has only eight aircraft—four Dakotas, one Goose and two Catalina amphibians, and one four-engined Skymaster.

The entire staff, including members working in overseas offices, consists of only 150.

HE WANTS TO BE A SOLDIER

Master J. M. Goodless of Sale, Cheshire, is only eight, but he has made up his mind what he wants to be when he grows up.

The other day he sent a letter to the Army authorities in his district:

Dear Western Command, Please enrol me in your Army transport as a driver of an armoured car. I hope you will reply soon.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. GOODLESS.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. M. Gillespie (chief recruiting officer, Western Command) has replied: "Thank you very much for your application. I am afraid you are too young yet, and will have to finish your schooling first. I am sure you will make a very good soldier, and we will be pleased to see you when you are of age."

£320 TEAPOT

A teapot was sold in London the other day for £320. Of course, it was a very special teapot of rare Worcester porcelain. It was one of a collection built up by the Rev. C. J. Sharp of Shepreth Vicarage, Hertfordshire.

Over 100 teapots were for sale, but the vicar still has nearly 300 left of a collection he began to make 30 years ago.

ATOMIC HERALDRY

A new coat of arms has been designed for the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

The supporters are heraldic wild animals, bound to earth by chains, to represent the power of the atom brought under control by man. The stars on each beast have a total of 92 points to represent uranium which is No. 92 in the list of elements.

The wedge-shaped device in the centre is called, in heraldry, a pile and this is also the name given to an atomic furnace or reactor. Gold and scarlet zig-zag lines represent heat and power. The helmet above the shield symbolises co-operation, and in the sun above it is the martlet from the arms of Lord Rutherford, pioneer of atom science.

The motto is "Maxima e minimis"—the most from the smallest.

MACHINERY AGE ON THE FARM

Before the war there were only 50,000 tractors on British farms. Now there are 342,000, according to a member of the National Farmers' Union.

In the same period the number of milking machines on our farms had increased from 48,000 to over 90,000. Though, prior to 1939, there were fewer than 1000 combine-harvesters available, we had 21,000 of these wonderful machines helping to save Britain's harvest from total loss.



Six in harmony

These girls aged between 14 and 17 are bellringers at the village church of Warmley in Gloucestershire. They are members of the St. Barnabas Guild of Ringers.

LANARK CHILDREN GO WHUPPITY

Hundreds of schoolchildren at Lanark, on the River Clyde, took part in the ancient custom of "whuppity scoorie" recently.

Each child was armed with a paper ball on a piece of string, and as the 12th-century bell in the Old Kirk steeple pealed out they all ran as fast as they could three times round the church at the Town Cross, whirling the paper balls round their heads the while.

This traditional custom of "whuppity scoorie" can be traced right back to a medieval form of rough justice when evildoers were "whipped" by the townspeople through the streets and then "scoored" in the cold waters of the Clyde.

On this occasion the ceremony ended more happily, for at the end of the third circuit pennies were thrown to the children.

16TH-CENTURY BANQUET

A Sheffield coach firm launched a new fleet of coaches last year with the title of Elizabethan. To mark their success an Elizabethan banquet has been held by the company at Sheffield City Hall.

The bill of fare for the seven-course banquet was written in Elizabethan English on parchment rolls. The only lighting was from red candles in silver candelabra, and 16th-century music was played by four recorders and a small Drake's drum.

The players, waiters, and waitresses were all dressed in Elizabethan costume, and the sirloin of beef was heralded by a fanfare and borne round the room on a huge salver. After the banquet male guests tried the ancient type of clay pipe smoked in Drake's time.

HE FOUND AS HE FELL

Ten-year-old Peter McLellan, the son of the Warden of the Beeches Community Centre, at Cirencester, stumbled over the root of a beech tree in the grounds of the Centre and his hands sank into the soft earth. When he rose to his feet he found himself clutching an 18-inch spear-head. It is believed to be pre-Roman.

OUTWARD BOUND'S NEW CENTRE

The Outward Bound Trust, which has trained 16,000 young people at its three sailing and mountaineering centres, is to open a fourth at Ullswater, in the Lake District, at the end of the year.

The opening course will be for girls and if it is successful the centre may become the Trust's first all-the-year-round training centre for them. The courses will include mountain training, camping, and canoeing for all, with the addition of music, drama, and nursing for the girls.

The Duke of Edinburgh is the patron of the Trust, and Kurt Hahn, headmaster of the Duke's old school at Gordonstoun, is one of the founders.

State occasion



Chief Kidaha Makwala, from Tanganyika, leaving Buckingham Palace in ceremonial dress after receiving the O.B.E. from the Queen not long ago.

JET ENGINES IN MINIATURE

Keen aeromodellers throughout America are using miniature British-built jet engines to fly their model planes at indoor meetings.

The tiny planes—some of them with a wing span of less than five inches—are attached to a pylon by a six-foot length of music wire. The little rocket, ignited by a short fuse, propels the models around at speeds between 60 and 70 m.p.h.

Among the many enthusiasts for this latest pastime in the United States are real aircraft designers and engineers at Convair—the firm that makes the F-102 supersonic jet fighter and the enormous B-36F ten-engine bomber. They say that their models never stop accelerating as long as the engines are running.

CLASSROOM ON RAILS

School for many children in the wilds of Canada comes to them by rail in the shape of a classroom in a railway coach. This is shunted into a siding and stays there for a week to be attended by girls and boys from scattered homes in the district—in winter they come on skis and snowshoes.

The "term" however, is not finished when the classroom coach departs, for the teacher has left the pupils stacks of homework which must be finished before the next visit!

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

BOOK ABOUT SLAVERY CAUSES SENSATION

MARCH 20, 1852. NEW YORK—The first book ever published in America with a Negro as its hero appeared today and is already causing a nation-wide sensation.

The title of this work—also appearing as a serial in a magazine National Era—is Uncle Tom's Cabin, or Life Among the Lowly.

It tells the story of a good and faithful Negro slave who is sold by a Kentucky planter and then sold again to a vicious and cruel master.

The author is 40-year-old Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth Beecher Stowe, Connecticut-born daughter of a Congregational pastor.

She is an ardent supporter of the anti-slavery movement in the United States, and says that after the birth of her seventh child one of her family wrote to her say-

ing: "Hattie, if I could just use the pen as you can, I would write something to make this whole nation feel what an accursed thing slavery is."

Mrs. Stowe replied: "As long as baby sleeps with me nights, I can't do anything much at anything. But I will do that book at last."

(Uncle Tom's Cabin was translated into more than 20 languages. In its first week 10,000 copies of the book were sold; 300,000 in the first year.)

Death of Goethe

MARCH 22, 1832. WEIMAR—In this little town which he has made world-famous by gathering around him an illustrious literary circle, the great poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe died today in his 84th year.

He has been described, even during his life, as the wisest poet since Shakespeare, and it is evident that his work will place him among the immortals.

He had many admirers in Britain, and a few years ago a letter sent to him as a special mark of reverence was signed by Thomas Carlyle, Sir Walter Scott,

William Wordsworth, and Robert Southey among others.

Goethe was born in 1749 at Frankfurt-on-Main, and it is said that before he was eight he could write German, French, Italian, Latin, and Greek!

He was only 26 when he was invited by Duke Karl August to Weimar, capital of the grand-duchy of Saxe-Weimar. When Napoleon met the Emperor of Russia at Erfurt, 13 miles away, he honoured Goethe with a private audience lasting one hour.

Among his most widely known works is the magnificent Faust.

Great Seal of England stolen

MARCH 24, 1784. LONDON—There is intense political excitement here today, and not a little laughter. The Great Seal of England was stolen last night! And without the Great Seal the dissolution of Parliament, due tomorrow, cannot be granted.

Burglars forced their way into

the house of Lord Chancellor Thurlow in Great Ormond Street last night, and carried off this historic Seal. Its imprint is essential on all documents of State, and there are rumours that the theft was the work of political malcontents in a deliberate attempt to delay dissolution.

LOOKING AT THE SKY

GREAT SHIP OF THE HEAVENS

THAT ancient constellation Argo, the celestial Ark, is now due south in the evening between eight and nine o'clock, but only a few stars representing the top of the mast and sail are visible from Britain.

To see the whole of the stars representing this great ship, a viewer needs to be as far south as Arabia, Egypt, or Madeira. All we see from our latitude are the few stars indicated on the star-map; these will be found to the left of those composing Canis Major, shown in our issue of March 12, Delta and Eta in Canis being included to help identification.

Argo was not always in this position sunk far below the horizon, for some 10,000 or more years ago the whole constellation would have filled the southern sky with a blaze of stellar glory such as we never experience now. For originally Argo must

have been the largest constellation in the heavens, including the stars of the present Centaurus and those of the Southern Cross; these would have formed the prow or forward half of the Ark.

It then would have included five stars of first magnitude, including the colossal Canopus, 13 of second magnitude, and 17 of third magnitude. Moreover, there was a wide section of the Milky Way spread over much of the hull of the Ark, filling it with a blaze of light.

Such was the spectacle presented in prehistoric times when this stellar conception of the story of the Flood was preserved in the heavens for all time. It was an ancient tradition even in the days of Ur, Erech, and Nineveh as their written records show.

Meanwhile, through the centuries the changing tilt of the Earth's axis gradually lowered the starry figure of this great ship below the southern horizon. The prow appears to have been severed from it in Roman times to symbolise the famous Centaur of mythology, and the Southern

RADIO AND TV

HAVE you noticed that people with the most interesting tales to tell are often the least able to put them into words? When they are faced with a broadcast microphone their case is even worse. Of course, if they could be allowed to talk in their own way...

This gives the clue to a new form of broadcast interview, called Off the Cuff, which BBC Talks Producer Robert Gladwell is to try in a Light Programme series next month.

"Bob" Gladwell, who was responsible for Round Britain Quiz, tells me the secret lies in the use of tape-recording. He thinks that reading from a script, except

with professional actors, makes them sound stiff and awkward. Instead, he gets his guests to talk as they like, prompted by a few questions, everything they say being recorded on tape. Afterwards he runs through the record, picks out the best bits, and re-sorts them. The result is a smooth-flowing yarn such as anyone might tell, or try to tell, over a sandwich and a cup of coffee.

First guest, on April 11, will be Busker Desmond McDonald, who sings to theatre queues, followed a week later by Mr. Firooze Colabavaala, a Parsee Indian who walked from Bombay to Buckingham Palace for the Coronation.

Showing his feet

A TELEVISION organ seat is the latest addition to the property department at Lime Grove. It was made for an organ recital, arranged for Fernando Germani, organist of the Vatican and one of the world's foremost players.

He excels in pedal technique, and the seat, with cut-away back, was specially designed to show his footwork.

Carnival Chancellor



This huge figure representing the popular German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, was carried in a recent Cologne carnival.

Man of extremes

ON September 30, 1953, the Swiss Professor Auguste Piccard, and his son Jacques, broke the world's diving record by reaching the hitherto unplumbed depth of 10,335 feet—nearly two miles. Young viewers can meet Jacques Piccard this Wednesday when, in his first British TV appearance, he shows films of his father's descents.

Professor Piccard is a man of extremes. In 1931 he was the first to soar ten miles into the stratosphere in a balloon.

The Piccards have now invented what they call a mesoscope or submarine helicopter for hovering in medium sea depths in search of scientific data.

Eyes and ears on the Boat Race

THE 101st Oxford and Cambridge boat race on Saturday—the biggest free show in the world—will be covered every inch of the four-and-a-quarter miles from Putney to Mortlake by sound radio and TV.

John Snagge will, as usual, be following the crews in the launch Consuetud for a Light Programme commentary, helped by G. D. Clapperton of Oxford and R. H. H. Symonds of Cambridge. Raymond Baxter will be posted on Chiswick Bridge to give his version of the race in the last few hundred yards.

Two TV cameras will be mounted on the launch Everest,



John Snagge

with Michael Henderson and Richard Burnell on board for commentaries. Other cameras will be posted at vantage points along the course.

Brian Johnston and T. B. Langton will be commentators on the riverside before the start of the race at Putney.

G. F. M.

Mystery in the library

A HUNT by mutually suspicious characters in an old library for a book containing clues to the family treasure makes an exciting background for The King's Square, a new Children's TV play on Thursday, repeated on Sunday. It has been written by BBC Film Editor Keith Latham.

Central character is young Jimmy, who arrives to stay with



John Rogers

his Uncle George at Milton Hall, only to find he is a week early, and his uncle away. Two unexpected visitors appear on the scene, however, each rather cross not to find the house, and the library, to himself. Jimmy becomes a detective, helped by the maid, Daphne.

John Rogers, who plays Jimmy, is 14. His only other TV appearance, in January, was in Robinson and Co. Before that he had a stage part in A Day by the Sea at the Theatre Royal, Windsor. Soon he goes to Stratford for the Shakespeare season with Sir Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh.

Recalling Charlotte Brontë

CHARLOTTE BRONTË, one of the greatest of Victorian novelists and author of Jane Eyre, died on March 31, 1855. A new TV film to mark the centenary will be shown on April 1. BBC cameramen have been shooting film in and around the Brontë Parsonage at Haworth, Yorkshire, and the surrounding moors.

Among places that Producer Arthur Swinson hopes to show are Cowan Bridge, where Charlotte first went to school; the now ruined Wycoller Hall, where Jane Eyre of the novel met Mr. Rochester when he was blind; and Gawthorpe Hall, which Charlotte visited in the years of her fame.

Almost-forgotten songs

SEAMUS ENNIS, from Dublin, could be called a hunter of music. His weapons are a tape recorder, a pencil, and notebook.

All this winter he has been roving round the villages of Britain in search of old folk tunes and songs which have never been written down but are remembered and sung by some of the oldest inhabitants.

He tells me he now has a rich collection and will dip into it for a new broadcast series, As I Roved Out, on Sunday mornings, beginning on April 3.

ERNEST THOMSON

MORE ROOM FOR SHIPS IN THE SUEZ

THE Suez Canal, like many of the high-ways in this country, is not big enough for the volume of traffic it now has to carry. So it is to be enlarged, and the work has already begun. A great improvement scheme is now under way, a scheme which will involve the removal of 80 million cubic yards of soil—nearly as much as that excavated when the historic waterway was first cut.

Two new by-pass canals are to be made, one of them $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles long and the other $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles. The shorter is to run east of the canal south of Port Said, and the other near El Kabrit. The canal itself is to be widened for 15 miles south of the Small Bitter Lake, and deepened as well as widened for more than eleven miles in the neighbourhood of El Firdan.

The creation of the Suez Canal in the 1860's was due to the genius and resolu-

Ferdinand de Lesseps pressed on with his scheme, and in 1854 obtained from his friend Said Pasha, Egypt's ruler, a concession to dig a canal direct from the Mediterranean to Suez, 100 miles away.

Criticism of his project came from all quarters. It was said that mud would block the canal entrance at the Port Said end, and that wind-blown sand would soon fill his long trench.

It was indeed a giant's task that the indomitable Frenchman had undertaken. He himself described the region where he proposed to gather hordes of workmen as an appalling desert where not even a fly could live.

De Lesseps' first step was to persuade optimists to invest their money in his seemingly mad venture. Britain, the maritime nation one would have thought most likely to be interested in the scheme, would have nothing to do with it. At length shares were bought in the new Suez Canal Company by adventurous people in France, Turkey, and by the Viceroy of Egypt—who in 1875 transferred Egypt's shares to Britain for nearly £4,000,000.

THE GREAT ENTERPRISE BEGUN

By 1859 De Lesseps had raised enough money to make a start, and on April 25 of that year he himself swung a pickaxe to turn the first earth at Port Said. To begin with the workers used only picks and baskets! Soon, however, the best excavating and dredging equipment then available was brought to the toilers in the desert.

One of the first problems facing the engineers was to obtain drinking water for the labourers. This was eventually solved—partly by means of conduits and partly by the digging of a shallow canal bringing fresh water from the Nile.

It was hoped that the great work would be completed in six years, but climate and cholera took severe toll of the diggers, and it was not until 1869 that the thin ribbon of water lay across the desert.

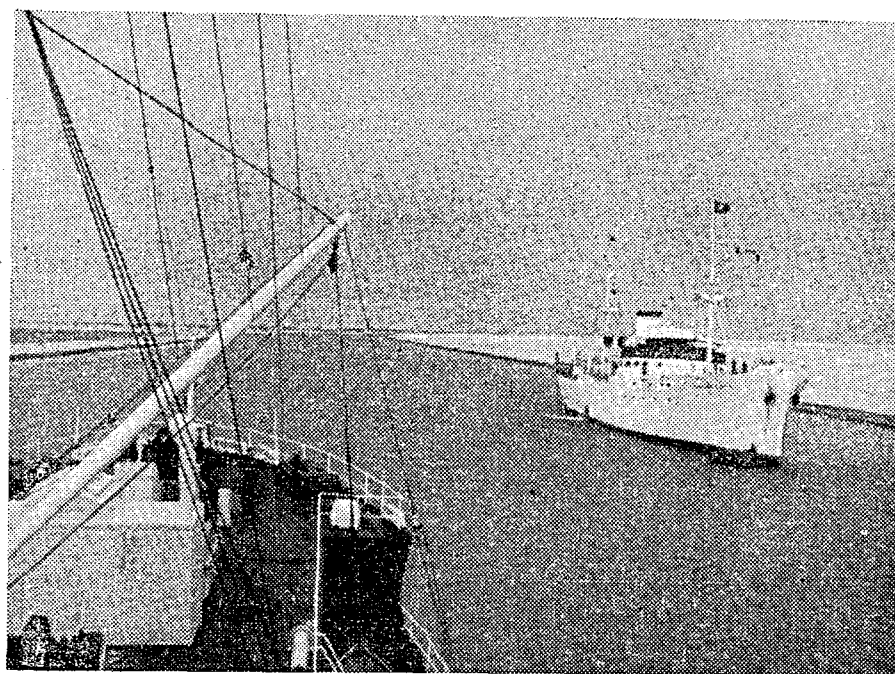
CONTINUOUS STRUGGLE

The official opening took place in November 1869. It was a grand occasion. A fleet of 68 vessels of different nationalities was led down the waterway by the 2000-ton Aigle, which had the Empress of France on board.

Much work had still to be done, however. The intended depth of the canal was 26 feet 3 inches, and maintaining that depth was, afterwards a continuous struggle against the ever-encroaching sand.

In addition to the dredging, frequent improvement schemes were carried out. The canal people not only kept what they had won from the sand, but went on winning more. Since the opening of the canal, widening and deepening operations have involved more than twice as much work as the original cutting!

At the beginning of the Second World



Two ships pass in the Suez Canal, banked by the desert

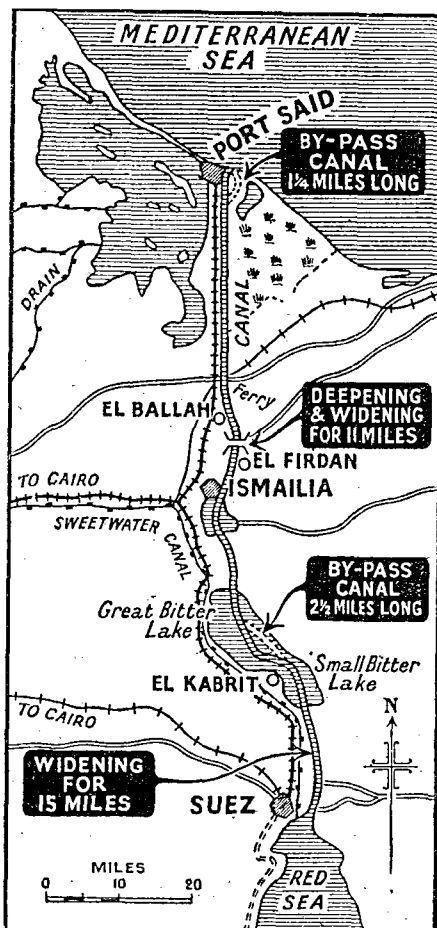
War the canal was defenceless. Enemy aircraft flew up and down, machine-gunning and dropping bombs and mines as they pleased. Then the Allies brought guns, fighters, and searchlights to the scene. Balloons were moored, and the battle to close the Suez Canal was on. But in spite of severe damage, navigation was only held up for a total period of 76 days.

During 86 years of maintaining and enlarging one of the world's most important trade links, the Suez Canal Company has also changed the face of the desert. Everywhere near the great waterway one sees gardens, public parks, fine avenues; for the

company has ever been concerned for the welfare of its small army of employees.

It has built more than 1400 dwellings for them, surrounded by trees and gardens. There are social and sports clubs, playing fields and golf links where formerly stretched only the sandy, blighted desert. There are hospitals, clinics, and welfare centres supervised by a surgeon and 19 doctors.

Now the greatest improvements in the canal's history are being started despite the fact that in 14 years' time the Company's concession expires. Then the canal will be handed over, free, to Egypt.

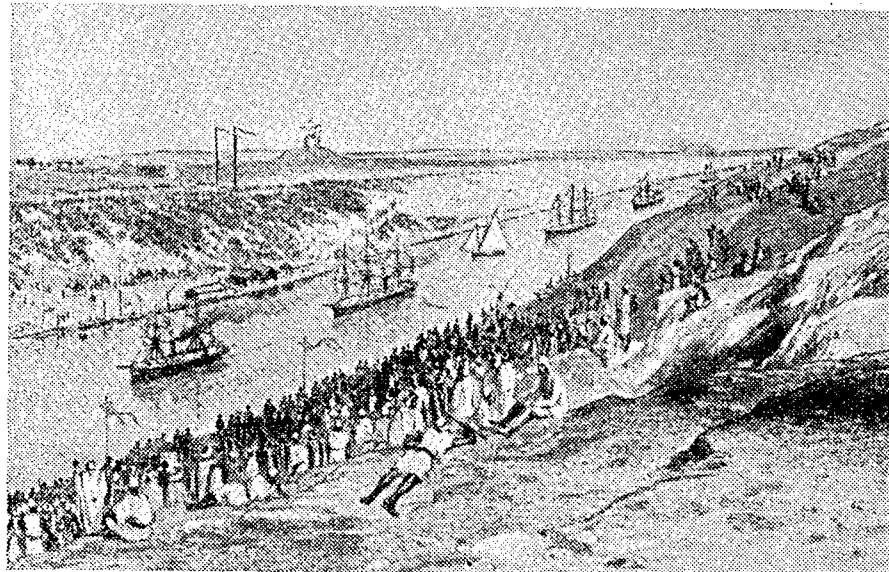


tion of a French diplomat, Ferdinand de Lesseps, who pushed on with his scheme in the face of much opposition and difficulties of all kinds.

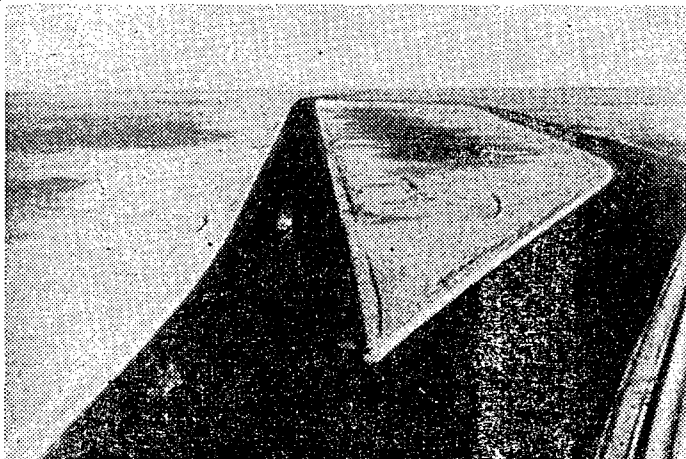
A shipping link between the Mediterranean and the Red Sea had been a centuries-old dream, generally dismissed as a physical impossibility. Yet according to ancient historians, a canal connecting the River Nile with the Red Sea existed in 1380 B.C., and another in 285 B.C.

Traces of these were discovered by Napoleon when he invaded Egypt in 1798. He was keenly interested in the idea of cutting the Isthmus of Suez, and he detailed an engineer named Le Père to survey the region. But Le Père said that the level of the Red Sea was about 33 feet higher than that of the Mediterranean, so that to dig a canal between the two would mean the risk of flooding Egypt. For 50 years after that the idea of a Suez Canal was considered an impossibility, and a railway was built instead—from Alexandria to Suez, via Cairo.

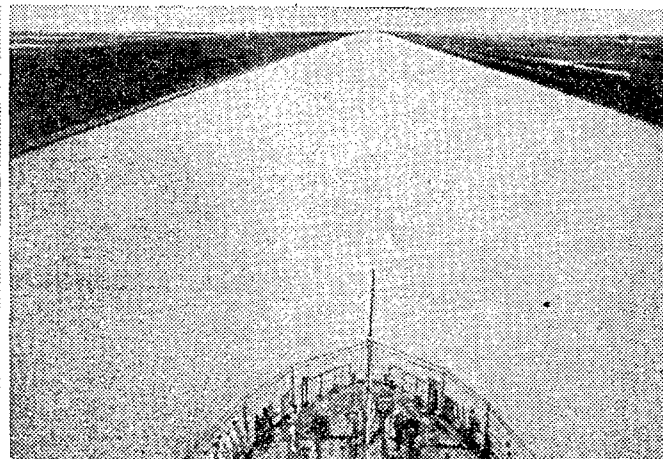
But in 1847 two more French experts discovered that the Red Sea was practically on the same level as the Mediterranean, and once again a canal seemed a possibility.



The Suez Canal soon after it was opened in 1869



The Canal at El Ballah showing the modern by-pass on the left



The straight lines of the Canal between Port Said and Ismailia

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BLESSED BE HIS NAME

WITH the death of Sir Alexander Fleming, the science of healing has lost one of its most illustrious servants. As Lord Horder has said, Alexander Fleming will go down in history as the greatest name in British medicine since Lister.

His life was dedicated to saving life by tireless study of the deadly microbe enemies of man; and it was painstaking devotion to his researches that led him to his great discovery.

He noticed one day that a tiny patch of blue mould had grown on a plate on which he had cultivated some bacteria called staphylococci. Mould on such a plate was nothing new, but Sir Alexander's keen eye and trained mind had detected something else: the bacteria near the mould had faded away, presumably destroyed by the mould.

Thus started the trail that led to the wonderful healing drug Penicillin.

Sir Alexander himself sometimes said that his discovery was only a lucky chance. But let it never be forgotten that what he called chance was the fruit of constant vigilance; without that vigilance the healing powers of the mould called Penicillin Notatum might still be unknown.

Honours were showered on this Ayrshire farmer's son. But he remained a kindly, modest man whose most treasured reward was the knowledge that he had helped to ease suffering and save countless lives.

THE BUSINESS MAN'S BEST FRIEND

THE best friend of the British business man in the United States is his bowler hat and rolled umbrella. That is the view of the chairman of a Scottish firm of knitwear specialists who has recently returned from a transatlantic business trip.

It would appear that the British bowler and umbrella are symbols of integrity, the crown and sceptre, as it were, of British commerce.

The windswept hatless should take note. If they would do business across the Atlantic they must wear the bowler at all costs. The French may facetiously call it a melon, but in America it is the passport to success.

Think on These Things

THE sword was perhaps more important than any other part of the soldier's equipment. It was not only a weapon with which he could defend himself, but also one with which he could attack and defeat the enemy. Small wonder that he was proud of his sword.

The Christian is bidden to take "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

We call the Bible "the Word of God," because God speaks to us through the messages about Himself given to prophets and teachers of old, and then written down in its pages.

Our worship and services in church are based upon the reading of the Bible, and so by coming regularly to church we grow to know the Scriptures. But in addition to this we must read the Bible ourselves at home every day. This is a rule of the Christian life.

By obeying it we wear "the sword of the Spirit." O. R. C.

SPRING AT LAST

ONCE more the heavenly power Makes all things new,
And domes the red-ploughed hills

With loving blue;
The blackbirds have their wills,
The throbbles too.

Tennyson

The Editor's Table

Wearing job

FINDING out how quickly you can wear out your clothes—it seems a strange kind of job, but it is one, in fact, for which American soldiers volunteer; the object being to discover the hardest-wearing material for uniforms.

The volunteers slide on their stomachs across gravel pits, crawl under barbed wire, wriggle through culverts, roll across railway lines.

It all sounds like a job after the heart of every schoolboy we have ever met.

Prize photographer



Honoré Durand, aged 11, recently won a photographic competition in which over 700 French schools took part. His prizes were a motorised bicycle, 200,000 francs, and an audience in Paris with M. Coty, President of France.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, March 28, 1925

A MARVELLOUS machine for painting the bodies of motor-cars has been installed in the Ford factory.

The body is cleaned with chemical sprays, then washed with water sprays, dried with hot air, and passed automatically into the painting part of the apparatus. A conveyor next carries the painted body through a drying oven 500 feet long, and by the time each body reaches the end it is dry and ready for the assembly works.

THEY SAY . . .

IT always makes me sad to see our lovely countryside disfigured by broken bottles, tins, and torn dirty paper, littered so carelessly on every side.

Queen Elizabeth
the Queen Mother

BEWARE! Wet water above.
Notice on Bridlington railway station

I STAND before you a humble Australian, clothed in sack-cloth but without the Ashes.

Mr. J. D. Muir, Agent-General for Queensland in Britain

WORD QUIZ

Can you say whether a, b, or c gives the correct meaning of the following five words?

- 1 BAIZE
 - a Indian corn
 - b To destroy level with ground
 - c Coarse woollen stuff
- 2 PURLIN
 - a Steal or pilfer
 - b Horizontal beam
 - c Kind of falcon
- 3 CORVINE
 - a Small, fast naval vessel
 - b Prancing like a horse
 - c Like the raven or crow
- 4 PEMMICAN
 - a Dried meat
 - b Five-sided figure
 - c Large water fowl with pouch
- 5 TARANTULA
 - a Large spider
 - b Whirling Italian dance
 - c A rare metal

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Out and About

THE black ash buds are breaking and giving a hint of green. The elm tops are all reddish with bloom and the larch buds show why Tennyson called them "rosy plumelets." Many other buds should be noticed at this time, too, before the full flood of blossom everywhere is upon us.

These new tones are as much part of the picture as the Spring green of new grass and the earliest tree leaves. That wonderful Czech writer, Karel Capek, wrote in *The Gardener's Year* about the "march of the buds" of Spring, as he called it.

"I tell you," he wrote, "buds are as strange and varied as leaves and flowers. There will be no end to your discoveries." But, he warned, choose a small piece of earth, and learn to stand still.

Besides seeing, you then "will hear the infinite march of buds faintly roaring."

C. D. D.

JUST AN IDEA

As Thomas Arnold wrote: Real knowledge, like everything else of the highest value, is not to be obtained easily. It must be worked for—studied for—thought for—and more than all, it must be prayed for.

Next Week's Birthdays

March 27
Wilhelm Konrad Röntgen (1845-1923). German physicist who in 1895 discovered X-rays. He worked for months, late into the night, on his great discovery, which has been of incalculable benefit to the science of healing.

March 28
Pierre Simon Marquis de Laplace (1749-1827). Mathematician and astronomer. A great French stylist as well: the summary of astronomical history with which he ends his *Exposition du système du Monde* is considered to be one of the masterpieces of the French language.

March 29
Sir William Walton (1902). Born at Oldham. One of the greatest of modern British composers. His music for the films *Henry V* and *Hamlet* enabled a vast audience to appreciate his work.

March 30
Francisco de Goya (1746-1828). Spanish court painter. A master of portraiture, he won even greater renown for his satirical drawings, particularly the *Disasters of War*, in which he graphically exposed human stupidity and cruelty.

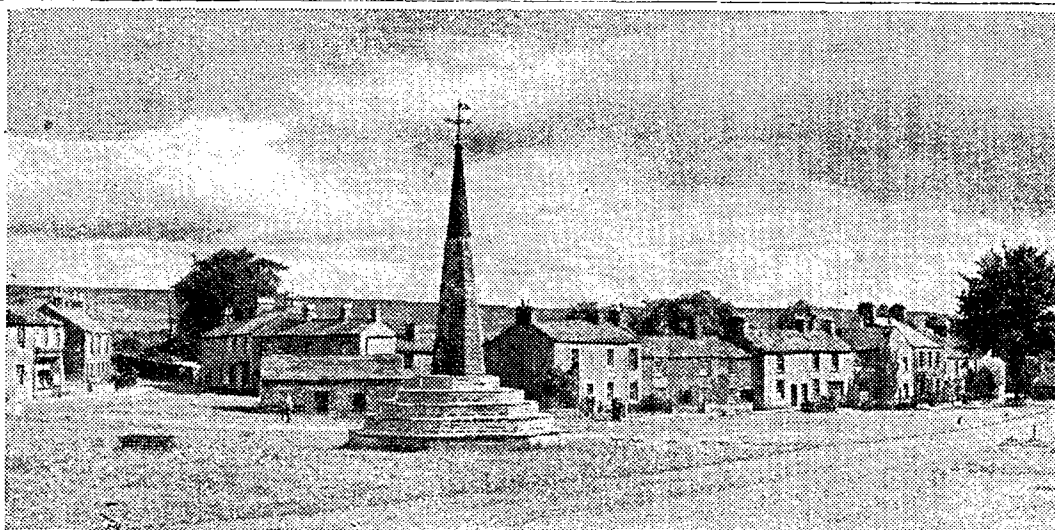
March 31
Joseph Haydn (1732-1809). "The Father of the Symphony." As a young composer he struggled to keep himself alive by giving music lessons and by playing the violin in the streets.

He once declared that he persevered in the hope that his music might "become a spring from which the careworn may draw a moment's rest and refreshment."

April 1
William Harvey (1578-1657). Discoverer of the circulation of the blood. Research was done in time snatched from a busy medical practice. His theory, hotly disputed at the time, was announced in a series of lectures to the Royal College of Physicians in 1616.

April 2
Hans Andersen (1805-1875). The only son of a poor Danish shoemaker, who died when the boy was 11. At 14 he walked from his home to Copenhagen, hoping to become an opera singer.

In this he failed, indeed he nearly starved before friends took pity on him. Stories not songs were to be his gift to the world.



OUR HOMELAND

The village of West Burton in the North Riding of Yorkshire

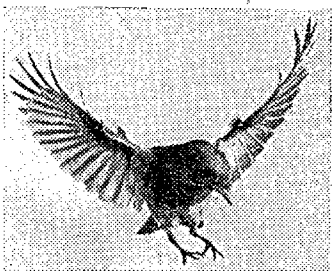
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THE HUT MAN writes about . . .

ADVENTURE BY WAYSIDE AND WOODLAND

3. Naming the birds we see

WE live in a little country that is rich in its bird life. Altogether, there are over 420 different species or kinds of birds in the list for the British Isles. A large number of our birds are extremely uncommon, however, some being seen only once every ten or 20 years. These solitary or infrequent visitors are known as "stragglers," and though interesting, we shall not pay further attention to them here.

Wherever we live in Britain, even in big cities, we can be confident that if we keep a note of all the wild birds seen during a single year we shall end with a list of at least 20 to 30 different species. In some areas, of course, the list will contain two or three times that



The friendly robin, one of the birds we all recognise.

number. But even in busy cities we meet them in parks and gardens.

If we decide to start keeping such a list, though never before having paid much attention to birds, how are we to tell the names of those we see? This third article on adventuring by wayside and woodland should help.

Birds can be named by three different methods. First, and simplest, is by their appearance; second, by their calls and songs; and third, by their movements—but this means getting to know the birds very well.

To begin with let us take the first and easiest method.

For this it is essential to have a good book about birds. This does not necessarily mean an ex-

pensive book, but one with reliable coloured pictures as well as useful information. By reading about the birds and examining their portraits we shall soon be able to name each species from its picture alone.

To make the task easier it is a good plan to divide the birds into groups, becoming familiar first of all with those which look black and white; then we take those with a bright patch of colour; then those with obviously long legs and bills, till in the end we are left with the real puzzlers—the difficult little birds that look so much alike.

OFF WE GO

Now we are ready to try recognition out-of-doors, so off we set armed with only notebook and pencil. Some birds we shall recognise without hesitation. With others we shall feel some doubt, and still others will seem to resemble not one of the pictures we have been studying!

It is with these doubtful and unknown species that our notebooks come into full use, and our notes must be made rapidly as all too often the birds allow us only a moment or two for examination.

We must therefore know what we are looking for, and our first note should be what appears the most outstanding feature of the bird.

Perhaps this will be the all-over colour, or a single bright patch of colour, or perhaps the shape of the bill.

NOTING DETAILS

Size, too, is highly important, and this is best judged by comparing the unknown with a familiar species—about the size of a sparrow, a little bigger than a blackbird, and so on.

Once the vital details have been noted we can make others in more leisurely manner, even after the bird has flown off; whether we saw it perched in a wood, among heather on a moor, perching on a hillside rock, and so forth, and if seen on the ground, whether it walked and ran or hopped.

In short, we note down every detail which might help us to

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NEW FILMS

TROUBLES OF A FATHER

PERHAPS there is not much real story in the film called *Raising a Riot*, but it succeeds in being very amusing.

It is about a naval officer on leave, played by Kenneth More, who has to look after the three children while his wife is away in Canada. From the moment when he sets out to drive them in his little car to his father's home in Sussex there is never a dull moment.

This is chiefly because father never has a dull moment; if the children give him a moment's peace, then something is sure to go wrong with the arrangements in the converted windmill, which is where his father (Grampy) lives by himself.

As soon as they all get there Grampy (Ronald Squire) leaves all the management of the household to his son. So we see Kenneth More struggling with all the things that mothers of young children have to worry about. Not the least of these is cooking the meals for everybody, including Grampy—



Kenneth More in the kitchen

trace the bird when we return home and compare our field-notes with our book.

As I have already said, bird-watching is fun, and if we set out with determination we shall be surprised how quickly we are able to name almost every bird immediately we see it.

Then the birds we shall be anxious to meet will be those puzzling strangers who annoyed us at the beginning! Of course, the nearer we can get to them the easier it is to note their features, and this is far easier than many people imagine. We will discuss it next month.



This is just one of the many occasions in *Raising a Riot* when Kenneth More wishes he had three pairs of hands.

who is always ready to come and point out *exactly* how he wants his food cooked.

Father's cookery troubles make funny scenes. He boils a great heap of spinach almost to nothing. He makes a sad mess of breaking some eggs. He has quite an awkward time with a string of sausages.

His neighbours mean to help, but only cause more trouble—particularly when teenager Sue falls in love with him.

But most of his difficulties are caused by the children. The elder daughter (Mandy) does not get into much serious trouble herself, but she is constantly having to tell

him of things that have happened to the others.

Five-year-old Fusty (Fusty Bentine), smears herself all over with green paint and falls into the water. His son Peter (Gary Billings) climbs a boat's mast and cannot get down; his father goes up after him—and gets entangled in the string of a kite.

So many things of this kind happen that it is easy to see why the film suggests, at the beginning, that just as the word for a number of sheep is "flock" and the word for a number of lions is "pride," so the word for a number of children should be "riot."

AN adventure film called *Underwater!* tells an exciting story of some friends who set out to salvage gold and priceless relics from a galleon sunk centuries ago off the coast of Cuba.

Johnny (Richard Egan), Dominic (Gilbert Roland), and Johnny's wife (Jane Russell) are all skilled divers, but not the kind who wear diving-suits. These three carry only "aqua-lung" equipment, and can swim about freely under water, where the camera follows them.

They have many frightening moments, for the sunken wreck is on the edge of an underwater precipice, and they also have to look out for sharks. There is even a villainous pirate above water, ready to steal anything they find.



Jan Miller as Sue, the girl next door.

STAMP ALBUM



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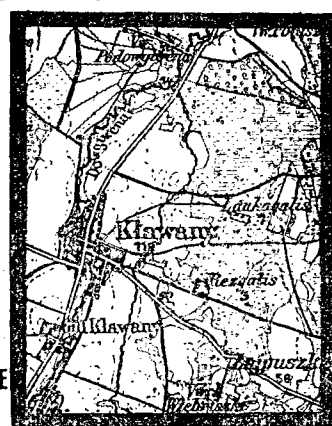
A CURIOUS ERROR

THE FIRST STAMP ISSUED BY ST KITTS SHOWED COLUMBUS VIEWING THE ISLAND THROUGH A TELESCOPE. BUT THE TELESCOPE WAS NOT INVENTED TILL MANY YEARS AFTER THE DEATH OF COLUMBUS.



STAMPS ON MAPS

AFTER THE 1914-18 WAR, PAPER WAS SO SCARCE IN LATVIA THAT STAMPS WERE PRINTED ON THE BACKS OF CAPTURED GERMAN WAR MAPS. THESE STAMPS WERE ISSUED BOTH PERFORATED AND IMPERFORATED (as in the group of four shown here in reverse)



?PUZZLE CORNER?



THE GREAT ENGLISH POET LORD BYRON WAS COMMEMORATED ON A GREEK STAMP
WHY?

Answer next week

Answer to last week's puzzle: **ALBANIA**

WHITEWASHING RICHARD III

Richard III was not so black as he was painted. That is the contention of a recently-formed American society called Friends of Richard III Inc.

They believe that his evil reputation was invented for political purposes by his bitter Tudor enemies.

Shakespeare expressed the Tudor viewpoint on Richard III in his famous play. In this the "murderous villain" tells us he is shaped "so lamely and unfashionable that dogs bark at me as I halt by them . . ."

As for his nickname of Crookback, he could hardly have fought so valiantly in numerous battles—from the time he was 18 or less—if he had been seriously misshapen. Contemporary pictures of him give no hint of deformity, but show us the clean-shaven face of an intelligent, rather anxious-looking man.

It seems that the "F.O.R. III Inc." have among their objects the burial of Crookback's bones (if available) in Westminster Abbey. They also hope to persuade editors of historical works to give more favourable accounts of him.

But as Richard is accused of at least eight murders, including those of the Princes in the Tower, his American champions may before long find themselves in danger of running out of whitewash.

PAKISTAN STRIKES IRON

When Pakistan became a new State in 1947 it was thought that she would have to import all the iron that she needed. Quite recently, however, it has been discovered that she has, in fact, rich deposits of iron-ore.

At a place called Kalabagh, in the Punjab, 20 million tons of ore have already been found and it is believed that there are, in fact, as much as 100 million tons there. Next year a plant and rolling mills will be set up to make use of these riches.

Steps to Sporting Fame



The belief that successful centre-forwards must be big and robust is disproved by Ronnie Allen, of West Bromwich Albion, one of today's most accomplished leaders.



Born in the Potteries, at Fenton, he played Rugby at school, but used to watch Stoke City—and the great Stanley Matthews. Allen himself became a winger and at 16 was a part-time player for Port Vale. In 1950 he was transferred to the Albion.



Playing mostly on the wing and displaying a zest for goal-scoring, he was eventually asked by Mr. Jack Smith (then manager) to move to centre-forward. Ron agreed, asking only for a fair trial to settle in the new post.



Success was swift. He scored in his first match and has been on the target ever since. He has played for England, and a year ago was a member of Albion's F.A. Cup winning team. Away from football, Allen is a salesman for an engineering firm.

FOX AMONG THE CHICKENS

That a young fox can live in a hen-run without harming the chickens might seem unlikely. But ten months ago Mr. E. Moore of Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorkshire, brought home a cub and started training it as a pet.

The story of Charlie the fox cub is that in April 1954 he and his two brothers tumbled out of an excavator grab, which, unknown to the operator, had destroyed a fox's lair when a quarry was being filled in near Wakefield. The cubs were so young that they still had their eyes closed. A Fairburn man working on the site took two home and gave one to Mr. Moore, who christened him Charlie. The young fox's diet was bread and milk, scraps, and—on special occasions—a bone. He has not been encouraged to eat much meat.

QUICK TO MAKE FRIENDS

A small chicken coop lined with straw was put in the poultry run for him at the rear of the house, and here he quickly made friends with the hens.

He likes riding in cars and loves children so much that when he hears them coming from school he emerges from his coop and rushes round the hen-pen. He loves to be picked up and stroked.

Three times the call of the wild has proved too strong for Charles. On one occasion he left the run, crossed the Leeds-Hull railway line, and spent the night at Lumby, South Milford. A farm worker found him bedraggled and miserable in a hedge bottom. He picked Charlie up when the animal brushed against his legs. On his collar was Mr. Moore's name and address.

Charlie will remember that cold, frosty night, and the resulting sore paws, for a very long time.

SEEING THROUGH FOG

From America comes news of a "telescopic eye" for motorists. It is an infra-red device which is said to enable motorists to see objects up to 500 feet ahead in thick fog.

NEW LIFE IN A REFUGEE CAMP

A Yugoslav ex-soldier, Dusan Gaksic, who lost both legs in the war, is the hero of a refugee camp at Augustdorf in Germany, which a correspondent of the CN visited recently. Once a successful business man, he has turned all his experiences in hospital and refugee camp to good use. In hospital he was taught how to make baskets and cane-work, and in the camp at Augustdorf he is teaching other refugees the same art.

Dusan is one of 1900 refugees here, nearly all of them handicapped physically. They are among the thousands of refugees who have trekked westwards across Germany during the last few years. Some have managed to

emigrate to Australia, South America, or the United States, but those who are incapacitated will never get such a chance.

Sitting in a corner of the wooden barracks outside the little German village of Augustdorf, Dusan looks a cheerful sight. He wears a black beard, and his dark eyes flashed with interest when the CN correspondent admired his handiwork. All through the camp Dusan's example was being imitated.

Up to six months ago this camp was a place of heartache and frustration. The German Government was giving them food, clothing, and a place to live in, but no one gave them any hope.

Then Pastor Abakus from the town of Bielefeld, himself a refugee, came out to see them. Collecting a bus-load he took them to see the patients of the Bethel Hospitals in his town. There some of the worst handicapped people in Germany are living cheerful lives because they have got work to do.

That visit plus the example of Dusan Gaksic worked a miracle in Augustdorf. The depressed

refugees returned and instead of sitting about and bewailing their sad lot they started to work.

Two Polish officers collected scraps of wood as the beginning of a toy factory. Hand looms were borrowed from the farmhouses in the district, and a business in small scarfs and mufflers grew up. One refugee gathered a choir together and engagements for them to sing poured in from the German towns. Another sold 60 of his paintings to art dealers.

The village of 1900 depressed people is now a cheerful spot. And in his corner, busy at his baskets and chairs, Dusan works on, smiling all the while.

PIANO PRODIGY

Leeds has yet another remarkable boy pianist. He is eight-year-old Michael Roll and, like Alan Schiller, to whom the CN has more than once referred, he is a pupil of Miss Fanny Waterman.

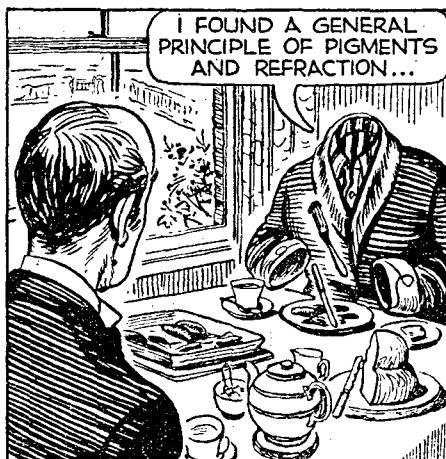
At the Harrogate Musical Festival Michael won two first prizes last year and this year he won further awards including two medals.

KIPPERS ALOFT

Tweed, woollens, and knitwear, all made in Scotland, were aboard the first freight plane of a new service inaugurated between Prestwick airport and New York.

The plane also carried a box of kippers, sent from the Scottish Tourist Board to the Mayor of New York with the compliments of the Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

THE INVISIBLE MAN—new picture-version of H. G. Wells's scientific fantasy (10)



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At breakfast next morning Griffin described to Dr. Kemp the process by which he had succeeded in making living tissue invisible, experimenting first on a cat, then on himself. He said that because of his London landlord's suspicions, he had been obliged to destroy his apparatus by setting fire to the house there. Then, disguised, he had come to the Sussex village to find a way of making himself visible again.

Kemp, who had already sent a note to the police, listened in acute anxiety. For it was clear that Griffin was a maniac, intending to use his invisibility for evil purposes, and to enlist Kemp as an accomplice. "The Invisible Man must establish a Reign of Terror," said Griffin. "And all who disobey his orders he must kill, and kill all who would defend them." Kemp heard his front door open and close downstairs.

"There are footsteps coming upstairs!" suddenly exclaimed Griffin. "Traitor!" he cried. Kemp dashed for the door and tried to lock him in the room. But he was too late. Unseen hands gripped his throat and flung him onto the landing outside. Griffin's garments leapt from him, and the Burdock police chief, coming upstairs, was bowled over as a ghostly patter of feet passed him and went down into the hall.

Two policemen in the hall heard footsteps, but before they could do anything the front door opened and slammed. Kemp rushed downstairs. "He is mad!" he exclaimed. "He is pure selfishness. He thinks of nothing but his own advantage, his own safety. I have listened to such a story this morning of brutal self-seeking . . . He has wounded men. He will kill them unless we prevent him! He will create a panic."

The invisible man is at war with the community now. See next week's instalment

Follow the fortunes of the Radio schoolboy

OUR FRIEND JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings and Darbishire are taken out to lunch at half-term by Jennings' Uncle Arthur. As he has to catch a train after the meal is over, Uncle Arthur proposes to send the boys to a cinema, unaware that this is a breach of school rules.

14. Disturbance in the dark

"I'm sorry, Uncle, but we're not allowed—" Jennings began. But his uncle was already at the pay-box. A moment later he returned and thrust a couple of tickets into his nephew's hand.

"Yes, but look here! We mustn't go to the pictures," the boy protested. "It's a school rule." "Nonsense! You're just pulling my leg," his uncle said with a disbelieving smile.

"It's quite true—honestly. It's something to do with not catching measles and things," Darbishire assured him. "Of course, we do go sometimes, but only when a master takes us."

School rules meant less than nothing to Uncle Arthur who was determined not to miss his three o'clock train. "I've never heard such ridiculous poppycock in my life," he argued. "Anyway, I've bought the tickets now, and you can't stand out in the rain all afternoon."

Uncle leaves

A glance at his watch caused him to utter a sudden cry of alarm. "By jove, I shall have to fly," he said in urgent tones. "Well, cheerio, both of you. Hope you enjoy the picture!"

"Yes, but—"

Jennings broke off and shrugged helplessly. Uncle Arthur was already hurrying off towards the station at a brisk trot.

"Oh, fish-hooks! What on earth shall we do?" queried Darbishire. Jennings made a sudden

decision. "I vote we go in. After all, my uncle told us to, so it won't really be our fault."

A glance up and down the street showed that the coast was clear.

"Come on, Darbi!" With an encouraging nod to his friend, Jennings led the way through the swing door into the auditorium.

It was dark inside the cinema, and for a while the boys stumbled about uncertainly trying to find a couple of empty seats. Just as their



"I vote we go in."

eyes were becoming accustomed to the gloom an usherette in the side gangway shone the bright beam of her torch full in their faces.

"Two seats in the middle there," she observed shortly, and hurried off to deal with other patrons.

"Which row does she mean? I can't see a thing," complained Darbishire.

"Neither can I. Let's try this one and see what happens."

Dazzled and blinded, Jennings stumbled to the nearest row and pushed his way along. His size five juvenile footwear weighed heavily upon the corns and chil-

blains of the comfortably-seated patrons. Darbishire followed, squeezing past the jutting knees and tripping awkwardly over the hats, umbrellas, and shopping baskets which barred his way at every step.

They found no empty seats in the middle, but they pressed on doggedly and finally arrived in the centre gangway.

"Wrong row," said Jennings. "We'd better go back."

This time their journey did not pass without comment.

"Ouch! Tut! Mind my feet, you clumsy boy! Why can't you look where you're going!" complained a lady seated by the gangway.

"I'm sorry, I can't see very well. We've only just come in," Jennings apologised. As he struggled past, he caught his foot in the complaining lady's shopping basket and upset a bag of oranges which went rolling away towards the 2s. 4d. seats in front. Jennings retrieved the fruit with some difficulty.

Dissension

"What, you again!" grumbled a stout gentleman, as they made their way past him in the reverse direction. "Why can't you make up your minds where you're going? People didn't ought to be allowed to go charging about in the middle of a picture!"

"We're looking for seats," Jennings explained. "You see, we thought—"

"Ssh! Quiet! Sit down!" came in threatening tones from patrons in the row behind who could neither see the screen nor hear the sound-track.

At last they found two empty places which they had wandered blindly past on their first journey along the row.

Two hours later Jennings nudged his companion in the ribs. "This is where we came in, Darbi. We'd better start moving now if we're going to catch the quarter-past five bus."

Together they rose and edged their way towards the side gangway. The complaining lady and the grumbling gentleman were still in their seats, and neither seemed pleased at being disturbed for the third time.

Danger!

They reached the end of the row and hurried along the gangway towards the doors at the rear of the building.

Jennings was leading the way, a few paces ahead of his friend, when suddenly he halted in his tracks and put a restraining hand on Darbishire's arm.

"Ssh! Stop! Stand where you are!" Jennings' urgent whisper cut sharply across Darbishire's prattle. "Why, what's up?"

"Danger! We'll have to go back to our seats at once!" Jennings hissed in a voiceless croak.

"What! Struggle past all those people again!" cried Darbishire aghast. "Oh, fish-hooks! I couldn't possibly!"

"You'll have to! Mr. Carter and the Head are sitting three rows back, slap-bang-wallop next to the gangway! They'll see us at once if we try to walk past them. Get back to your seat, Darbi—"

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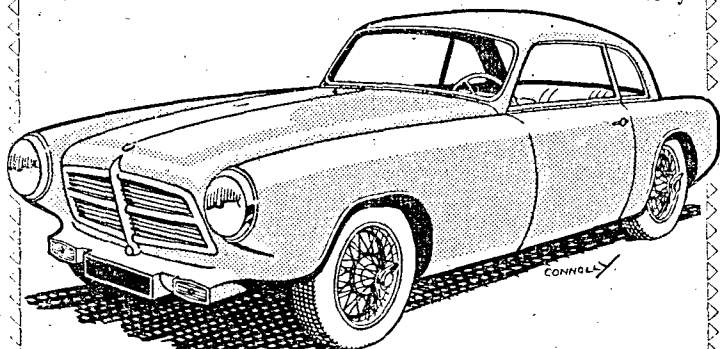
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SPORTS SHORTS

THE Russian team which recently lost the world ice-hockey championship to Canada will be coming to England later this year. Three games are to be arranged in November in London. The following month the Harringay Racers visit Moscow.

THE most popular policeman in London is probably Sergeant Albert Compton of Tooting. A great supporter of schools Soccer, he has over 1000 tickets for the Amateur Cup Final at Wembley which he proposes to offer to schoolboys of Hendon. The London team, making their first appearance in the final, meet Bishop Auckland, making their 16th appearance.

Do you want to learn to canoe? If so you should take advantage of the Beginners' Week which is being organised at Poole Harbour by the British Canoe Union. Novices will start their kayak training in sheltered parts of the harbour.

THE Royal Air Force will be firm favourites for this year's inter-Service tennis tournament, for Britain's three most promising young players are now serving in the R.A.F. They are Bobby Wilson, from Finchley; Billy Knight, from Northampton; and Michael Davies, the Welsh star. It is fully expected that these three will form Britain's Davis Cup team within a few years' time.

The Champion

JANET MORGAN (Surrey) has just completed a brilliant season on the squash courts. In addition to retaining the British singles title, she won the Australian Championship and recently, in Pennsylvania, she took the American singles and doubles titles (the latter in partnership with Miss Sheila Speight of Gloucestershire). Miss Morgan also captained the British women's squash rackets team that retained the Wolfe-Noel Cup, beating the Americans on their own courts for the first time.

Over she goes

Pat Moss, aged 16, of Welling in Kent, clears 4 feet 7 inches in practice. She is improving all the time, and a brilliant high-jump career should lie ahead of her.



THE 45th All-England Badminton Championships will be staged during the last few days of this week at London's Empress Hall. Once again those wonderful little Malaysians will be there, and Eddy Choong will be striving to win the men's singles title for the third time in succession. Judy Devlin, the women's singles champion from America, and her sister Sue, who together won the women's doubles title last year, may repeat their previous successes.

From New South Wales

ON the liner Strathaird that is bringing Pat Crawford, the young New South Wales fast bowler, to play for East Lancashire this summer (as mentioned in last week's CN), is another promising future Australian Test cricketer. 20-year-old Peter Philpott. Also from New South Wales, for whom he has achieved some fine batting performances, Peter Philpott will be playing during the coming season for Ramsbottom, in the Lancashire League.

Schoolboy Soccer star

HULL schoolboys are justly proud of Alec Dawson, the star forward of Westbourne Street School. In addition to representing the City Boys this season, he has appeared in two English international trial matches, and is fully expected to be chosen for his County team. He also has hopes of an international cap.

ALL the leading women netball players will be in Coventry this weekend when the County Championships are being held. 28 teams will be in opposition. These championships are more important than ever this year, for on May 14 the Netball Association is staging its first international tournament in London, when matches will be played between England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

CHRIS BRASHER, the well-known Oxford and British Olympic athlete, who helped Roger Bannister to become the first four-minute miler, has decided to concentrate on the steeplechase this summer. He finished tenth in the 1952 Olympic Games steeplechase event.

Off to the West Indies

ALTHOUGH the M.C.C. cricketers will soon be returning to this country after their winter tour "Down Under," the Australians will be setting out on the start of another Test series next Saturday, when they meet the West Indies in the first match of their rubber at Kingston, Jamaica.

THE recent series of Test Matches between India and Pakistan set up a record—for all five games were drawn. This has never happened before in the whole history of Test cricket, although in 1949 all four Tests between England and New Zealand remained unfinished.

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OUR FRIEND JENNINGS (Continued from page 9)

we haven't got a single second to lose!"

Darbishire stood rooted to the gangway with shock. "Oh, fish-hooks! I wish we'd never come," he faltered. "I wish you'd never invited me! I wish—I wish—"

Jennings grabbed his companion by the elbow and hustled him back down the gangway. "Oh, come on, Darbi!" he urged in tones of feverish haste. "Here we are, face to face with the most frantic bish since the Battle of Hastings, and you have to stand there having three wishes like a fairy godmother in a pantomime! Let's get back to our seats before they spot us."

By now they had reached their row once more and Jennings led the way in with purposeful haste. "Excuse me, please, may we come past very quickly?" he pleaded.

Apologies

"What, again! But you've only just gone out!" fumed the complaining lady, making a wild grab at her umbrella and her basket.

"Here, what's all this! I thought we'd got rid of you at last!" stormed the grumbling gentleman, as Jennings trod heavily on his chilblains for the fourth time that afternoon.

"Terribly sorry, but something unexpected has happened. We've got to get back to our seats at once."

"People didn't ought to be allowed—"

"Ssh! Ssh! Shut up! Sit

down!" came once more from the row behind.

The outraged patron swung round and addressed his critics with some heat. "Who are you telling to shut up!" he demanded loudly. "How would you like it if people kept square-dancing on your toes every couple of minutes!"

Under cover of the argument, Jennings and Darbishire scuttled back to their seats and took stock of their position.

Trapped

"We shall have to stay here till the Head and Mr. Carter have gone," Jennings reasoned. "And if they've only just come in we may be here for hours and hours!"

Darbishire uttered a little moan. "Oh, golly! We shall miss ever so many buses! Why do these frantic hoo-hahs always have to pick on us to happen to?"

Jennings did not reply, for he was already busy racking his brains over a further difficulty which had just occurred to him. A glance at the screen told him that the adventures of Panama Pete were drawing to their close. In a matter of minutes the boys would find themselves face to face with a new problem.

"Listen, Darbi," he said. "When this picture ends the lights will go up . . . And that means that Mr. Carter and the Head will be bound to see us from where they're sitting."

To be continued



Way to win a scholarship

Diana Dowes of Brighton, aged 18, about to take-off for an instructional flight at Denham Aerodrome. She hopes to win a scholarship enabling her to train for a pilot's licence.

SEAWEED ON TOAST

Seaweed has many uses. One that was new to many guests at the annual dinner of the Bradford and District St. David's Society was revealed on the menu. At the bottom appeared the words, Bara Lawr.

The president, Captain D. G. Williams, said to the guests, many of whom were not Welshmen, "When you see it, please don't jump to sinister conclusions; it is something which is appreciated in the part of Wales I come from." (Swansea.)

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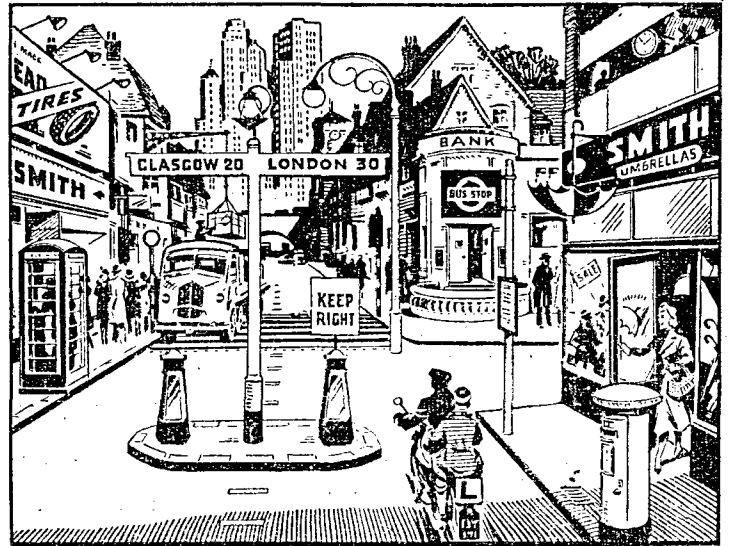
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Susan's STORK LETTER

Hello there,

I've had some very interesting letters from a lot of you, which I am still trying to answer. One of the letters, from Jane Prest, of Thorpe Bay, asked me if I'd put in a little bit about animals every month. Well, I don't promise there'll be something every month, because there are so many different things you want to hear about, but if you read on you'll see I've managed it this month.

What's your name?

This time I've chosen names which have come down to us from the Hebrew. Is one of these pretty ones yours?

ANNE—means 'grace'. And so of course do names such as Anita, Annette and Nancy.

RUTH—means a female friend.

JUDITH or JUDY—means 'praise'. SARAH or SARA—means 'princess'. Sally is just another form of Sarah.

If your name isn't here and you want to know the meaning of it, write to me, and I will include it next month, or write to you about it.

The Spaniel Story

The name 'Spaniel' means that this dog originally came from Spain, where it was probably used as a sheep dog. Nowadays, of course, Spaniels are one of the most popular breeds of dog in this country! But even so, many people don't keep their Spaniels as pets, but as 'gun-dogs'. A well-trained 'gun-dog' will retrieve the animal or bird that has been shot so well that when he has laid it at the feet of his master there is not a sign on it to show that it has been carried in his mouth.

Among famous Spaniels, you've probably heard of 'Flush' the dog owned by Elizabeth Barrett Browning.



Here's an
Easy-to-make
sweet!

Chocolate Nut Caramel

3 oz. Stork Margarine (always use Stork—it gives that creamy taste)

4 oz. grated chocolate • 8 oz. sugar • 3 oz. chopped nuts

1 pint sweetened condensed milk • 1/2 teaspoon vanilla essence

8 tablespoonfuls of treacle



Melt the Stork and add the milk, sugar and treacle. Bring to the boil, add the chocolate and boil until mixture forms a fairly hard ball when a little is dropped into a bowl of cold water. Add the essence and the nuts, put into a greased tin and allow to cool, then mark into squares, and break up when cold.

I hope you like this sweet—there'll be another recipe for you next month, so look out for it. And remember, if you have anything to write to me about, send your letter to:—Susan Croft, 'The Stork Letter', 55, Queen Anne Street, London, W.1.

Goodbye for now. See you next month

Yours,

Susan Croft

THE BRAN TUB

HOWLERS

A TRIANGLE is a three-cornered square.

A pessimist is a man who is never happy unless he is miserable, and even then he is not very pleased.

A buttress is a female goat.

A primate is a prime minister's wife.

SPOT THE . . .

FROG as he seeks a lake, pond, or even a tiny woodland pool in which to breed. He is a lively fellow with bulging bright eyes, and he travels in huge leaps and bounds, as if glad to be abroad once more after spending the winter buried in mud at the bottom of a pond.

During March or early April Mrs. Frog lays some 1000 tiny eggs which quickly absorb water, swelling to the size of peas. They resemble a ball of clear jelly with a dark centre, and float on the water's surface in a vast clinging mass described as frog spawn.

The warmth of the sun eventually hatches the eggs and then the water teems with wriggling tadpoles. Only a very small percentage become fully-grown frogs, for many creatures prey on spawn, tadpoles, and baby frogs.

BEDTIME TALE

BERNARD'S BLACKBIRDS

It was an exciting moment for young Mrs. Blackie when she began building her first nest. It was exciting for Bernard, too. For she had chosen to build in the ivied wall of his house, and he could see her from his bed as he lay there getting better from measles.

The young Blackies were too busy to notice him watching them. But an older pair, building in a tall evergreen next door, saw him, and said: "He will steal your eggs. You must build elsewhere."

The young Blackies, however, could not bear to abandon their beautiful nest. "He won't hurt us," they said hopefully.

By the time young Mrs. Blackie had laid her four eggs Bernard was well enough to get up. When he went into the garden she was off the nest feeding somewhere. "Now's my chance," he said. And he fetched some steps.

The older birds saw him climbing them and flew off to find

THERE'S MANY A SLIP

There are a few here anyway. Can you sort out the following strange proverbs and give them in their correct form?

The early bird keeps the doctor away

He who hesitates saves nine

A stitch in time is worth two in the bush

Too many cooks leap

A rolling stone catches the worm

An apple a day is lost

Look before you spoil the broth

A bird in the hand gathers no moss.

Answer in column 5

SIMILES

As wet as a fish—as dry as a bone;

As live as a bird—as dead as a stone;

As plain as a pike staff—as rough as a bear;

As tight as a drum—as free as the air;

As heavy as lead—as light as a feather;

As steady as time—uncertain as weather.

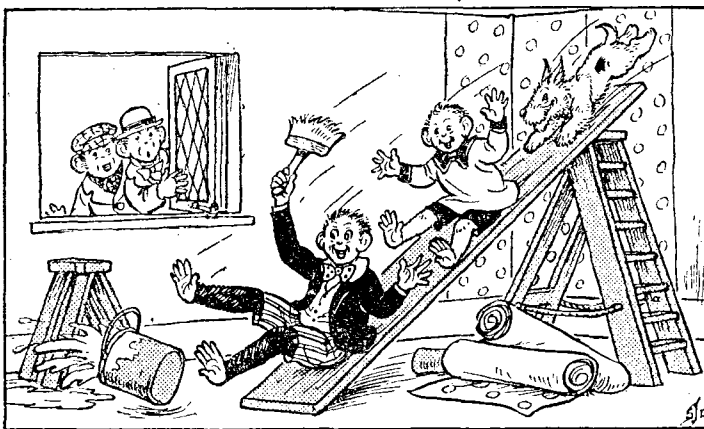
4 FROM 9 LEAVES 7

A RECENT issue of the C.N. contained a riddle asking "from what English town of nine letters can you take away four and leave seven?" The answer was given as Sevenoaks.

A reader has written to point out that there is an alternative answer. Do you know what it can be?

Answer in column 5

FOLLOWING JACKO-THE-LEADER



The decorators had gone out for a cup of tea. That, of course, was the signal for Jacko and Co. to inspect the array of paint pots, rolls of wallpaper, step-ladders and planks. "We could have a wonderful game of follow-the-leader here," said Jacko. And so it proved, as he led the way round the room—now under the step-ladder, now round it, and finally up it to slide down the plank. Then, through the window, they spied the decorators, and Baby and Bouncer lost no time in following their leader as Jacko made off through the door!

WHAT CARS?

THE answers to these clues are all makes of cars. What are they?

Folk dance, wild animal wanderer, success, river crossing.

Answer in column 5

OUTSIZE IN TEDDIES



Georgiana Kee of Knightsbridge, London, saw this giant Teddy bear at the Brighton Toy Fair, and took to him at once. The fact that he is over six feet tall did not matter a bit.

TEACHER'S TRICK

"Now, boys," said the teacher, "this is a very difficult problem. Watch the board carefully while I go through it."

ALPHABET PUZZLE

The answers to the following clues all begin with the letter X.

MUSICAL instrument played by being struck by sticks

A King of Ancient Persia

The art of printing from engraved wooden blocks

Rays which penetrate certain opaque objects. Answer in column 5

NOT MADE THAT WAY

A boy will eat and a boy will drink,

And a boy will play all day; But a boy won't work and a boy won't think—

He's just not made that way.

A girl will sing and a girl will dance.

And a girl will work crochet; But try as she will, she can't throw a ball—

She's just not made that way.

WHAT . . .

. . . word contains all the 26 letters?

OLD JOKE

ONE of the oldest jokes in the world, must be the one about the man who complained when his horse died just as he had taught it to live without food. It appeared in a book written in the sixth century!

SPRINGTIME

SAID a merry young March Hare from Tring:

"When lambs frisk and little birds sing.

I race round and round, Give two leaps and a bound, And conclude with a wonderful spring."

SAMMY SIMPLE

JENNIFER was showing some of her father's archaeological gems to Sammy.

"This dagger," she said, "is over 2000 years old."

"How can that be?" asked Sammy. "It's only 1955 now."

ANSWERS TO WORD QUIZ

1c, 2b, 3c, 4a, 5a

BRAN TUB ANSWERS

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4 from 9 leaves 7. Stevenage. What cars? Morris, Jaguar, Rover, Triumph, Ford. Alphabet puzzle. Xylophone, Xerxes, xylography, X-rays

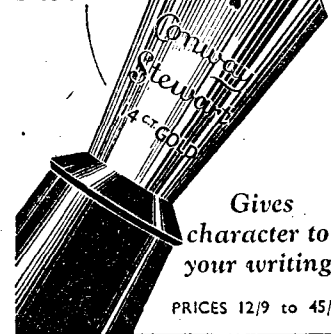
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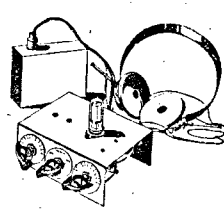
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